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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Definitions of "somatostatin type-5 receptor agonist" and "somatostatin type-5 receptor selective agonist" will be given below. A therapeutically effective amount depends upon the condition being treated, the route of administration chosen, and the specific activity of the compound used and ultimately will be decided by the attending physician or veterinarian (e.g., 5 g/day and 5 mg/day). In one embodiment, the somatostatin agonist is administered to the patient until the patient's lipid levels (e.g., glycerol, tracylglycerols, or cholesterol) decrease. In another embodiment, the somatostatin agonist is administered for the lifetime of the patient.

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